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TAGS: ELAB, NU

SUBJECT: BANANA WORKERS MEETING IN PANAMA

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF INVITATION EXTENDED TO AIFLD ASSISTED BANANA WORKERS' UNIONS TO SEND THREE DELEGATES TO MEETING OF BANANA WORKERS' UNIONS OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA FOR APRIL 28, 29 AND 30 IN PANAMA CITY. INVITATION IS SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BANANA WORKERS' UNIONS FOR INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS IN BOCAS DEL TORO (RAMIRO CABRERE M.), INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS IN CHIRQUI (BONIFACIO NIETO), CHIRQUI LAND COMPANY IN PUERTO ARMUELLES (IDALIO SANTA MARIA) AND CHIRIQUE LAND COMPANY IN BOCAS DE TORO (BENJAMIN WOOD).

2. PROJECTED AGENDA AND SUMMONS (CONVOCATORIA) WHICH ACCOMPANIED INVITATION INDICATE THAT THIS MEETING IS ATTEMPT BY GOP TO RALLY LABOR

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IN LATIN AMERICAN BANANA INDUSTRY BEHIND GOP AND OTHER L.A.  
GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE NATIONAL RETURNS FROM BANANA EXPORTS.  
BOTH DOCUMENTS CALL FOR DISCUSSION AT UPCOMING MEETING OF CREATING  
UNIFIED BANANA WORKERS' FRONT TO SUPPORT THESE GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES.

SUMMONS CALLS FOR STUDY OF THE FORM OF ALLIANCE WHICH SHOULD BE  
FORGED BETWEEN UNIONS AND GOVERNMENTS IN THE QUOTE STRUGGLE TO  
RESCUE OUR NATIONAL WEALTH END QUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR  
PROPOSED MEETING IN PANAMA CITY: (A) WORKERS' POSITION ON MEASURES  
ADOPTED BY GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF BANANAS IN THE  
INTERNATIONAL MARKET, (B) DISTRIBUTION OF INCREASED EARNINGS FROM  
HIGHER BANANA PRICES AMONG WORKERS, THE STATE AND THE BANANA  
COMPANIES, (C) UNITY AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN STRENGTHENING THE  
ASPIRATIONS AND CONQUESTS OF THE WORKERS IN COUNTRIES WHICH PRODUCE  
BANANAS IN LATIN AMERICA, AND (D) CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION INDEPENDENT OF NATIONAL AFFILIATION TO STRENGTHEN UNITY  
AND GUARANTEE CONQUESTS WON BY WORKERS IN LATIN AMERICA.

4. BANANA WORKERS IN NICARAGUA HAVE REQUESTED AIFLD ASSISTANCE  
TO COVER TRAVEL EXPENSES TO THIS MEETING. EMBASSY PRESUMES THAT  
SUCH EXPENDITURE WOULD NOT BE IN U.S. INTEREST BUT WOULD APPRECIATE  
CLARIFICATION AS TO HOW USG REGARDS THIS MEETING.

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